

Environmental Sustainability Committee Meeting

February 7, 2018, 7:00 – 9:00 p.m.

Sherwood Community Center

**Meeting Minutes**

**1. Call to order and welcome**

Meeting called to order by Vice Chair member Adam Basinger at 7:00 p.m. Attendance is listed below.

Type	Name	Attendance
Member, Vice Chair	Adam Basinger	Present
Member	Mark Chandler	Absent
Member	Susan Crate	Present
Member	Judy Fraser	Present
Member, Chair	Timothy Killian	Absent
Member	Bruce Knight	Absent
Member	Michael Lee	Present
Member	Alice Lippert	Present
Member	Toby Sorensen	Present
Student Liaison	Marianna Lipold	Present
Staff	Stefanie Kupka	Present
Staff	Anna McClernon	Present
Guest	David Meyer, Mayor	Present

**2. Consideration of the January 3, 2017 meeting minutes**

Alice motioned to amend minutes to include a reference to the ESC strategic planning. Susie moved to adopt the minutes as presented, seconded by Alice and carried unanimously.

**3. Comprehensive Plan Proposed Revisions Review**

The ESC reviewed and provided comments on the proposed revisions to the draft actions and metrics from the “Natural Environment”, “Sustainability Initiatives” and “Infrastructure and Utilities” content areas of the Comprehensive Plan. The ESC’s comments will be submitted to the Planning Commission.

**4. Overview of Meeting with City Manager, Bob Sisson**

Adam gave an overview of a meeting that he and Tim had with the City Manager. They discussed the staffing and budgetary requirements to meet the ESC’s goals. The City Manager mentioned

that significant funding will be needed in the future to replace some of above ground storage tanks at the tank farm. They mentioned that the ESC would be interested in staying up to date with that project to see if they can provide guidance on that going forward.

## **5. 2018 ESC Priorities**

The ESC discussed their priorities for 2018, which include the following topics.

- Tree Management
- Energy (Conservation and Renewables)
- Solid Waste and Recycling
- Go Green Government Challenge

## **6. Earth Art Show**

Judy noted that she's looking for volunteers to lead the event. She will be reaching out to other organizations, such as the Parks and Recreation Department and Fairfax Art League to see if they would take the lead with the event.

## **7. New Funding Request Proposals from Lanier Middle School**

The ESC discussed the funding requests from Lanier Middle School, which included eco-stewardship and energy conservation projects. The ESC will discuss these proposals and their FY18 budget in more detail at the March meeting.

## **8. Chairperson's Items**

Adam requested that all ESC members should provide input on the ESC's 2017 Annual Report by February 17.

## **9. Committee Items**

**Susie-** A Mother's Day Climate rally will be held on Saturday, May 12th.

**Judy –** A series of seven Transition video classes will be held at the Fairfax Regional library called "Think Resilience". Classes will be held starting on February 28<sup>th</sup> and will be held monthly on the 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of the month. The classes have a comprehensive syllabus including such topics as energy, climate change, population, water, systems thinking, economic systems, globalization, food, community resilience and more.

**Jon-** The City of Fairfax Schools was proud to host a delegation of Chinese principals and administrators from Virginia today. The group was organized through the Schools Superintendent Association (AASA) and Triway International. Meeting at Lanier Middle School, the educational leaders discussed the similarities and differences between American and Chinese education and explored cultural exchange opportunities.

**10. Staff items**

None

**11. Public comments**

None

**12. Adjourn**

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m. Next regular ESC meeting is March 7<sup>th</sup>, 2018 @ 7 p.m.

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